

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

Claims 1-40 are pending in the captioned application. The Examiner has required a restriction under 35 U.S.C. §121. Applicants elect, without traverse, to prosecute the invention of Group I, namely claims 1-30 and 36-40, drawn to a method of detecting an analyte, classified in class 435, subclass 6.

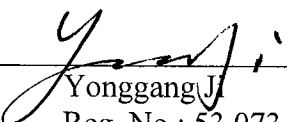
Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application on the non-elected group.

Applicants respectfully assert that the claims are in allowable form and earnestly solicit the allowance of claims 1-30 and 36-40.

Early and favorable consideration is respectfully requested.


Respectfully submitted,

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